#### PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : James N. CURTI, James CHUA and Peter W.

**SALTER** 

For : NASAL CANNULA

Group Art Unit : 3761

Examiner : Darwin P. Erezo : SALTER P09AUSD3

The Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

## In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph of the Background of the Invention of the above identified application as follows in which the specification addition(s) are shown by underlining and the specification deletion(s) are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraph into the record of this case.

# In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 6-11 as follows.